

PATENT CASE: IN01154K

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:

Chen et al

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For: "Macrocyclic NS3-Serine Protease: Inhibitors of Hepatitis C Virus : Comprising N-Cyclic P2 Moleties":

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Atty. Docket No.: IN01154K

Examiner: R. Mondesi

Group Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PER 37 C.F.R § 1.116

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action that the Examiner issued on June 16, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-25, 27 and 31-36 are pending in the case. Claims 31-35 stand allowed; claims 1-25, 27 and 36 stand finally rejected. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment after Final Rejection. This communication is being faxed to the Examiner's attention at 703-872-9306.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 31 of this paper.